

WHO CARES ABOUT  
**LITTER?**

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**Taxpayers  
care about  
litter.**

About **\$14 million**  
of your tax dollars were spent  
cleaning up litter across Kentucky  
in 2005.

That's plus **countless**  
hours and supplies donated by  
volunteers who work to help keep  
our communities clean.



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An ugly habit.

## DOES LITTER HAVE A REAL **IMPACT?**

The Urban Litter Forum,\* a partnership between the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Keep America Beautiful, identified the following impacts of litter:

Litter **repels** economic development, investment, and location of businesses.

It **decreases** property values and increases urban decay.

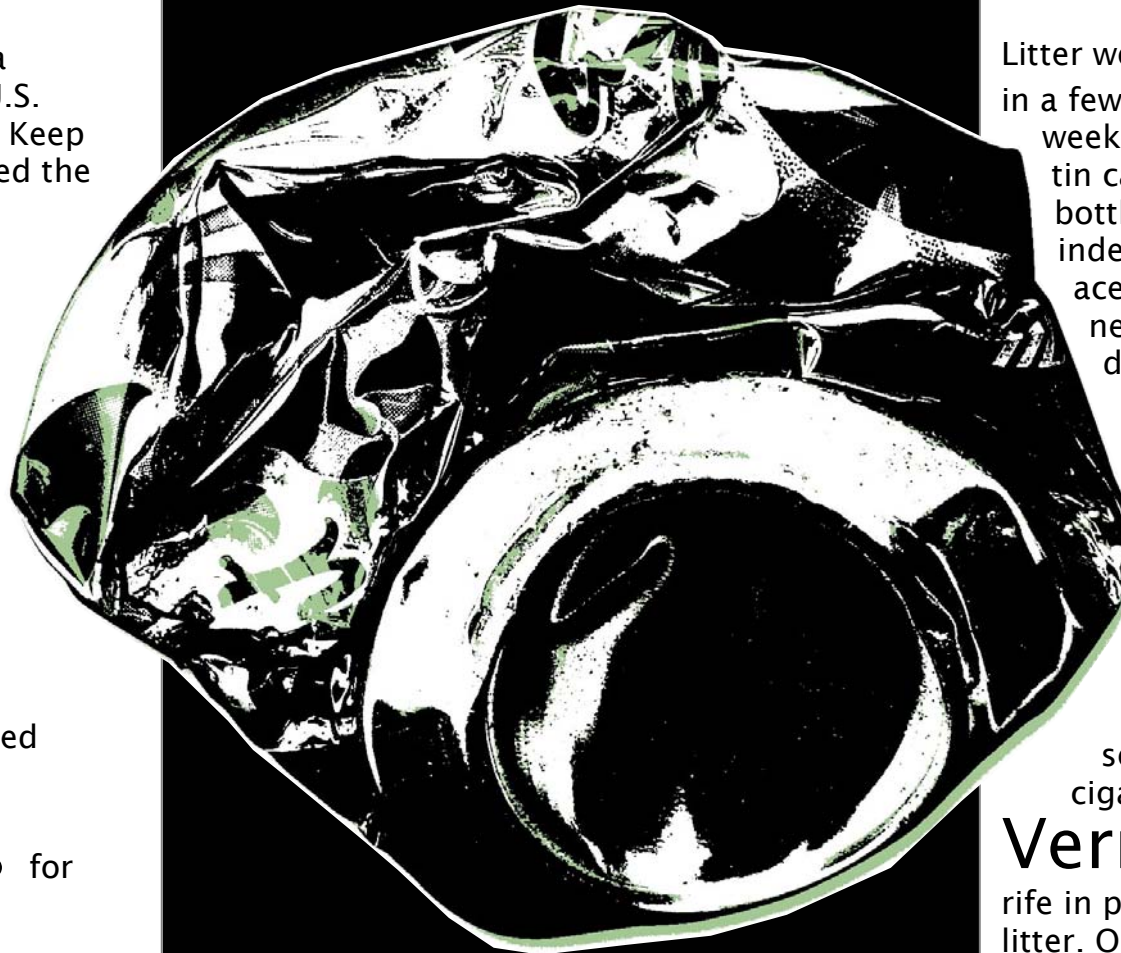
Urban **blight** and litter result in decreased tourism in communities.

Revenue **declines** for littered business districts.

Related **crime** activities are more likely to occur in blighted areas (drug deals, prostitution, gang violence, loitering, vandalism, etc.).

\*The Urban Litter Forum  
Hollywood, Florida January 11-12, 1999

## YOU CAN HELP



**Never litter.**

**Store trash in bags or pockets until you find a garbage can.**

**Have the courage to talk to people about not littering.**

**Volunteer to clean up litter.**

## DID YOU **KNOW?**

Litter won't just **go away** in a few days. Paper takes 2-4 weeks to break down, while a tin can lasts 100 years, a glass bottle will hang around indefinitely and the cellulose acetate in cigarette filters never completely decomposes.

It is **illegal** to litter. The Daviess County Sheriff has committed to ticketing people who throw their trash on the ground, even if it is something small like a cigarette butt.

**Vermin** and disease are rife in places with high amounts of litter. Open containers such as paper cups or beverage cans can hold rainwater, providing breeding locations for mosquitoes which have been known to spread diseases like the West Nile Virus. Litter is also a road hazard, occasionally contributing to automobile accidents.\*

\*Wikipedia